

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 995  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Willie McClendon on the celebration of her birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Willie McClendon will celebrate her birthday this year at the 2006 Birthday Praise Celebration, a milestone and event that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, believing that gospel music is therapeutic, Ms. McClendon enjoys sharing her love of God and music with her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and the good people of Chatanooga and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Willie McClendon is a talented and creative vocalist; her musical career began at an early age when she traveled with her grandparents as a member of the Volunteer Vocal Singers; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Willie McClendon began a meritorious tenure as the Gospel Programmer at WJTT radio station; she also hosted her own weekly radio show called "Sunday Inspiration" at Power 94 for more than twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McClendon currently hosts "Morning Inspirations" on WNOO radio station, and she owns and operates ACC Enterprises, a gospel music store; she also writes a column for Gospelflava.com; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary business professional, Willie McClendon is the music manager for many gospel music stars, including Angela Spivey, Slack Ruffin, and Glenda Bailey; and

WHEREAS, donating her time and many talents to numerous organizations, Ms. McClendon is a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, and she serves as Financial Secretary for the Gospel Announcers Guild; she is also a coordinator for Pastor Donnie McClurkin's Back To Holiness Conference; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Willie McClendon was presented with the 2004 Deacon Willie McKinstry Award by the Gospel Music Workshop of America in recognition of her excellence in leadership and her outstanding endurance; she also received the 1999 Delores Poindexter Award from the Gospel Announcers Guild in recognition of her excellence in the presentation of gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Willie McClendon is an active and devout member of the Wesley Chapel Christian Community Church, which she has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Chattanooga community, Ms. McClendon epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Willie McClendon on the celebration of her birthday at the 2006 Birthday Praise Celebration and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.